

Diocesan Notices

Salford Lourdes Pre-Departure Mass: Join us on Sunday 21st July as we gather together in prayer for the Pre-Departure Mass of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Whether you're travelling to Lourdes or are looking to join in prayer at home, you are welcome to the Mass at 5.30pm at St Patrick's church, Collyhurst. Mass will be celebrated by Canon Michael Cooke, along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir. There will be refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends after Mass.

Diocesan Pilgrimages for 2025 Year of Jubilee: We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. From Lourdes and Lindisfarne, to Walsingham and Rome - and a wealth of opportunities on our very doorstep - there is something for everybody in this upcoming Year of Jubilee. Bookings for Rome will open on Monday 5th August with bookings for our other pilgrimages opening soon. Please stay tuned for further information on how to book or find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

Lourdes at Home - Stations of the Cross: To celebrate the centenary of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, our Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Coordination Team is delighted to offer an opportunity for people across the diocese to join in prayer with our pilgrims in Lourdes. Join us at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church at 4pm on Sunday 28th July as we pray the Stations of the Cross before Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome!

Caritas Diocese of Salford Summer Appeal: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has launched its summer appeal as new research reveals child poverty to be at an all-time high across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. To find out more about the appeal and how you can support families across our diocese, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/child-poverty

Invocation at Adoremus: We're delighted to announce the return of Invocation at Adoremus this September! Taking place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on 15 September, this beautiful day is designed specifically for adults discerning a particular vocation or direction; providing them with an opportunity to pray, to talk about their journey, and to find support and resources to help them along the way. Find out more and register online at: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/invocation-adoremus-2024/> or email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Stay in the know: Want the latest news from parishes and schools across the diocese? Would you like to keep up to speed with upcoming events and key projects and resources from the Diocese of Salford? Head to the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk> or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and X!

Job Vacancies: For Current Vacancies please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Monday – St Mary Magdalene

No Mass today

Tuesday – St Bridget, Patron of Europe (Feast)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SL 6pm
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday or St Sharbel Makhlof

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St James, Apostle (Feast)

Rosary at SsPP 6pm; Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or Our Lady on Saturday

Mass at SsPP 12noon
Reconciliation 12.30-1pm at SsPP; 5.45-6.15pm at SL

Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - *Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly People*

Masses at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9.30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & 11am

Live-stream: www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford/

Reflections for This Week

“Sheep without a shepherd.” This is the simple theme of today's readings. It is interesting that Jesus’ reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present-day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

Marriage Matters: *Walking alongside or away?* Jesus, the Good Shepherd, experienced rejection: many “walked with him no longer”. This offers us some consolation, when despite doing our best to pass on our faith in Jesus and His Church to our children, we, their ‘shepherds’, experience them drifting away from the faith. God loves our children unconditionally, and we need to continually ‘hold them’ in our love.

Think Vocation: In the Gospel the crowds are longing for the hope and encouragement that comes from the lips of Our Lord. Could we spend more time acquainting ourselves with the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? Do we try to take at least one word or phrase from the homily, prayers and readings from the Sunday Mass to nourish us in the week ahead?

Prayers Requested

Sick: All who are sick (at home or in hospital)

Lately Dead: Kath Kenny, Stephen Russ, Angela Kavanagh, Robert (Bob) Connor, Steve Bassett, Shiny, Alice Cartwright, Ann Morrissey

Anniversaries: James Kelly, Anna Shalliker

Masses Received: James Kelly (A), Kath Kenny (LD), Stephen Russ (LD), Angela Kavanagh (LD), Anna Shalliker (A)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Michael and St. Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools.

Financially Supporting Our Parish

Contactless: The Dona machines (card or mobile phone)
Bank Details: TSDT Our Lady of Hope
50317403 20 55 34
Cheques: Payable to Our Lady of Hope

Next Week's Newsletter:

Could you please send notices before Wednesday
Email: newsletter@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Parish Notices

Stella Maris: Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised £482.39 in the special collection and a further £26 via the Dona machines. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Lourdes: Our diocesan pilgrimage, including a number of our own parishioners, departs on Friday and returns the following Thursday. We will be praying for the parish and the diocese whilst we are there. Please try to remember the pilgrimage in your prayers here at home over those days. There will be some resources to enable “Lourdes at Home” on the diocesan website (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes). You can also join us for the Mass at the Grotto on Monday 29 July at 9am (UK time) via the Lourdes Webcam (https://directfromlourdes.com/lourdes_live_tv). This pilgrimage marks 100 years since the first diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Summer Fair: Thank you to all who supported or assisted in any way with the Summer Fair and Draw. The amount raised was £3155. This will be split equally between the parish and St Luke’s School.

SL UCM Quiz Night: £842 was raised last Friday for Loaves and Fishes. Thank you so much to all who attended and for donations. Special thank you to Andrew Martin for a great quiz, enjoyed by all.

International Drum Group: Wednesday 24 July 7pm at SL - Do you play drums, djembe, conga, maybe the talking drum? Would you like to learn? Could you help others to learn? Join our new international drum group. This is initially a group for adults. Beginners welcome. Contact Paul Ashton for more details music@ourladyofhope.org.uk

Prayer Requests: If you would like your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours to be included on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, would you please contact Jane.Wareham@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for a consent form. We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is available for anyone to pick up in church via the weekly newsletter and is also published on the internet through the parish website. The list will be restarted with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This consent is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law. Consent is also required if you want the Mass intention to state that it is for a particular birthday or wedding anniversary.”

Quiz Night: Every Friday in the Parish Centre 8.30 pm - 11.30 pm. Free entry, prize for winning team!